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How Iniquity will prove the Ruin of all People, who do not Repent and turn to God, whilst yet they have time.

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Exhortation in the Love of God to People of all Nations, to cease to do Evil, and to forsake those provoking Sins, that hath kindled the Wrath of God, that the Judgments now threatning many Nations may be turned away.

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Psal. 75. verse 8. *For in the Hand of the Lord there is a Cup, the Wine is Red, it is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same; but the Dregs thereof all the Wicked of the Earth shall wring them, and drink them.*

Isa. 2. 4. *And he shall judge amongst the Nations, and Rebuke many People, &c.*

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HEarken all ye People, and give Ear ye Nations of the Earth, for the Sword of the Lord is drawn forth against People and Nations, not a few; his Hand is lifted up in great Fury and Judgment against all Iniquity, and the provoking Abominations of the Times, which are grown to that height and degree, that the Almighty God now appeareth full of Indignation and Displeasure against many People and Nations; and the Nations wherein God hath shewn most Love, and done most for, who still remain Sinful, the Rebellious in that Nation will the Lord most punish and plead with in his Wrath: Where hath the Lord so much appeared, as in this Nation of *England?* hath he dealt in so much Loving-kindness and tender Mercies, to any People or Nation, as this our Native Country, wherein the mighty and glorious Day of God broke forth, and in these Ages of the World first proclaimed, and the Light of the glorious Gospel that caused the Day to appear, faithfully and with much Power and Demonstration preached, and the tender Visitation of the Day sprung from on high, reached forth universally in a very signal manner, and the sound of the Gospel in Life and Power, *Love and Good-Will unto all men*, was heard through this Nation, to call all People *to Repentance and Amendment of their ways and doings, to turn to the Lord, from all their grievous Sins and Iniquities* [whilst it was called to Day] whereby they grieved the Most high, rebelling against him, and rejecting his great love and favour in his Spirit striving with them, the Inhabitants of *England*, more than with any People or Nation whatsoever, under the present Dispensation of *Light*, *Grace*, and the *Spirit of God*.

But ah! ye Inhabitants of *England*, how have many of you, even of all sorts, ranks and degrees of Men and Women, slighted the

diſpenſation of Light, Grace, and the Spirit of God, and the ſure, ſafe Teaching and Guidance thereof; for inſtead of minding that, ſome of you have taught others, to mock, laugh, and deride at the Light, Grace and Spirit of God, which appeared to you, and ſhined in your Hearts from God, to ſhew you what was really good and of God, from what was evil and of the evil one; and not only ſo, but alſo to teach you to deny, come out of, and be ſaved from that which was evil, and to chooſe, come into, and to do that which was and is good; and the juſt and merciful God did give you time to Repent, and endured all that you did againſt him with much long-ſuffering, that you might be become Veſſels of Mercy, and not Veſſels of Wrath by fitting your ſelves for deſtruction. But alas! how hath the Mercy and Forbearance of the Lord been abuſed? how have moſt of you requited him evil for good, and added Sin to Sin, for Mercies multiplied upon this ſinful Nation; therefore now is the anger of the Lord kindled in Judgment againſt all ſuch, for now he is ſmiting, and will ſmite yet more and more, his Hand is dreadfully lifted up, and it will fall heavy upon the Head of the Wicked, where ever they are found, and whatſoever they profeſs, Amazement and Aſtoniſhment will be their portion, and their Hearts will fail them for fear, when the Iron Rod of the Lord is ruling of them, with which he will break the Wicked to pieces like a Potters Veſſel, that they may ſee and know the danger of multiplying provoking Sins againſt the Lord, till his long patience come to an end, if there yet may be hope, or a little time more alotted you; Ah, fooliſh People, and ſinful Nation, that at laſt you might come to conſider the great peril and danger that you are in, both high and low, rich and poor, who are Wicked and Ungodly, of *all Sorts and Profeſſions*, multiplying great Abominations, and committing manifold Tranſgreſſions againſt the Lord. What, are your Hearts ſo hardened through the deceitfulneſs of Sin, that you do not mind, nor at all conſider? Are your Eyes ſo blinded by the God of this World, that you do not ſee the heavy Hand of the Lord, that is ſo apparently lifted up, as if the Iniquities of the People of *England* would prove the Ruin of many of the Inhabitants thereof; could ever a Nation be more ſinful, or more loaden with Iniquity of all ſorts then this, a Nation ſo much profeſſing God, and that he hath done ſo much for their Salvation,

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and a preſervation of? For what could the Lord have done more then he hath done for the good and benefit of *England?* and notwithſtanding where can there be greater Wickedneſs or Abomination committed? although many Nations are horribly wicked, and Cages of unclean Birds, who regard not the Work of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands: And though the dark places of the Earth are full of Idolatry, blackneſs of Darkneſs and Cruelty, yet no *People* or *Nation* hath more *provoked God*, by ſinning againſt ſo much Knowledge, and ſo many Convictions & Reproofs of Inſtruction from the manifeſtation of the *Spirit*, *Light* and *Grace* of God, appearing in you, and being given of God to you to profit withal, that you might have been ſpared and ſaved in that woful day of Anguiſh and ſore Diſtreſs, that is come and coming upon Nations, inſomuch that many will cry out in bitterneſs of Spirit, *What ſhall we do to be ſaved? we have no helper that can help or comfort us:* And the mighty Men of valour and ſtrength will grow feeble, and be full of Fears and Jealouſies one of another, and hide themſelves in the Holes and Dens of the Earth, and call to the Mountains and Hills to fall on them, and cover them from the Wrath of the Lamb, for his great Day, even the Day of his Vengeance and Hour of his Judgments now appeareth againſt all the Wicked and Ungodly of the Earth, without reſpect to Perſons, Opinions or Profeſſion whatſoever; and the Mountains and Hills, where many expect ſafety, will God Almighty ſhake, and lay waſte by his Power; for what are all Nations, Mountains or Hills [before the Lord] that riſe up againſt him; and if Bryars and Thorns ſet themſelves againſt the Lord, will he not break through them, & conſume them together, who by his Omnipotent Power planteth and plucketh up Kingdoms and the Governments of this World as he pleaſeth, pulling down one and ſetting up another, that People may know and conſider, that the Moſt high rules in and over the Kingdoms of men, and he giveth them to whomſoever he pleaſeth, and is not accountable unto any man; for what he doth in the Kingdoms of this World, in laying waſte the greateſt Mountain or Hill, that riſeth up in oppoſition to the Honour and Glory of God, or the Exaltation of his Name in the Earth; for all ſuch the Judgments of the Lord will purſue, he will abaſe and pour Contempt upon them, although never ſo high and lifted up with earthly honour & pleaſure of this world:

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We have ſeen already in this Age, how God hath laid that Honour, Pomp and Glory in the duſt, that Kings and Princes injoyed for a time, and their Pride and Glory, with the pride and glory of many others of lower degree, ſtained by the Judgment God hath brought upon them.

O ſinful People! but how are they forgotten by you, and out of date with you as much as an old Almanack; the laſt great Plague in *London*, and many other places in *England*, whereof died ſo many Thouſands in a ſhort time, with that dreadful deſtruction by that great Fire that came in *London*, which deſtroyed ſo many Houſes, and ſtately Buildings conſumed to Aſhes, or laid on heaps, and many Country-Towns alſo have felt the dreadful effects by Fire, to their great aſtoniſhment and loſs: Who hath taken warning by theſe heavy, ſevere Judgments, ſo as to Repent of their Wickedneſs, or turn to God? Where was your Weeping and bitter Lamentation for the evil you had done? For hath not Pride, Drunkenneſs, Swearing, Whoring, Revelling, Prophaneneſs, all manner of helliſh Words and debauched Practices abounded, and much increaſed ſince the before-mentioned Calamities laid ſo heavy upon the City of *London*, and other places in *England*, who have not taken warning thereby, to break from their Sins by timely Repentance, and ſhewing mercy to the poor? Ought you not to have loved God and your Neighbour without Diſſimulation? And ought not every one to do to another as they would be done unto? And have not many of you rather loſt that little of *Chriſtianity*, which you ſometime ſeemed to have, then known any increaſe thereof, or been gainers in it? What *Self-love*, *Self-ſeeking*, *Self-confidence*, *Self-exaltation*, and ſaving that Life you have had in Death hath appeared in you? What have you laid down or left that is evil, which you formerly lived and walked in? 'Tis plain and evident that you are under the government of the Power and Prince of Darkneſs, who ſtill remain in your *ungodly delights*, *wayes* & *wicked practices*. You wicked and ungodly Men and Women, both old and young, what loſs, what lamentable diſappointment are you come to, as to God, his Kingdom, or the World to come, to obtain a little eaſe in the Fleſh, with the pleaſures of Sin in this World, which you can enjoy but a little while or ſeaſon? Conſider Chriſt Jeſus, who denyed and abaſed himſelf, and would have no ſelf-pitty mentioned to him;

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when speaking of his Sufferings and Death, he said, *Whosoever will save his Life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lay down his Life for my sake, the same shall find it.*

But you have been wanton upon the Earth, delighting your selves in the sinful pleasures of this world; many of you have declared your Sin as *Sodom*, and the Land mourns because of Oaths, with other abominable and crying Sins; for the Iniquity of your Covetousness God is wroth, his Wrath is kindled like Fire, which none can quench, against an *Adulterous Generation, a Seed of Evil-doers, lying Children, and corrupters of the Earth, Destruction and Death is in their hands; but the way of Peace they know not*, neither really desire to know it, a People that seek not after God, but rather say in their Hearts to him, *Depart from us, we desire not the Knowledge of thy Wayes*; and too many are become so Atheistical, that in effect they say, *What is the Almighty to us, that we should keep his Statutes, or walk mournfully before him?* And how hath the Proud been called happy, the Wicked set up, and they that tempt God been delivered, the Prophets propheſie falsly, the Priests bear Rule by their Means, and such as are blindly led by them even to love to have it so: But what will ye do in the end thereof? your Sorrow will be great that you will lay down your Heads in, both the blind Leaders, and such as are led by them into the Ditch, their fall will be great together; great Woes and bitter Lamentation will be the portion of such, who remain always in that sad state of blindness and darkness, whether they be high or low, rich or poor, for the Eyes of the Lord are upon all the sinful Kingdoms, to punish and destroy many People with great Punishments and sore Destruction, because ye have so long hardened your Hearts against the Lord; ye have set at naught his Counsel, and would have none of his Reproof; you have despised Knowledge, and would not chuse the fear of the Lord; therefore great Calamity & severe Judgments hasten, & will come upon them that do not Repent; & the Spirit of the Lord will not strive much longer with many People in this and other Nations, but God will laugh at their Calamity, and mock when their Fear cometh. And I fear many are given up to hardness of Heart, and others appear as if their Consciences were seared as with a hot Iron, passed all spiritual sence and feeling, wholly captivated, and irrecoverably insnared in the broad way, that leadeth to destruction, no Hand of God

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neither in Mercy or Judgment will reach them, to work them into any remorſe, ſorrow of Heart or Contrition, and by ſuch as hath an Eye opened to ſee, ſuch are ſeen to grow worſe and worſe, and further and further off from Repentance or Amendment of Life: May it not be ſaid of many of you, both Profeſſors and Prophane, *That the beſt of you are but as a Bryar, and the moſt upright but as a Thorne Hedge, and great ſhall be your perplexity: and Wo to all deceitful Workers of Iniquity, Diſſemblers and Hypocrites, that would eat up God's People as they eat Bread; your expectation ſhall be cut off, your wicked Imaginations and Contrivances againſt the Juſt to ſlay him, will God fruſtrate and confound yet more and more.*

How many wicked Men and Women of late have whetted their Teeth, and opened their Mouths, to eat up God's choſen Flock and Heritage, and devour them through Lyes, Calumnies and falſe Reports, ſpeaking all manner of Evil againſt ſuch, as neither thought, ſaid, or did any harm or evil to them. How have the Righteous been made the Song of Drunkards, debauched Swearers and Damners, who ſcarce could ſpeak, but in a Curſed and *Damning* manner? What ſcorn and deriſion hath the Juſt met with in theſe latter days, with the many Perils and Dangers on every ſide, and from all ſorts of wicked Men, Women and Children, is very well known to the Lord God, who is coming with Power to take Vengeance upon his Adverſaries, and to Recompence all ſuch according to their works, you who are guilty every where, your wickedneſs will not go unpuniſhed, it will come upon your own Heads, and your treacherous dealing will purſue you, and fall heavy upon you, when the Righteous Judge ſhall judge and condemn you for it, the Lord will not ſpare ſuch, who in their abominable Pride, Debauchery and Filthineſs, walk the Streets as if they would out-dare the Moſt high that gave them Breath and Being in this world, with their Pride and Filthineſs.

And now Deſtruction to the Wicked is threatned, how hath Fear ſurpriſed Multitudes? not the fear of God, but the fear of Deſtruction, or ſome other Evil to overtake them, and they cannot be quiet nor at reſt; they diſturb and diſquiet one another, becauſe the *Way of Peace is hid from their them*; and alſo *the Sinners in* Sion *are afraid, and fearfulneſs ſurpriſeth Hypocrites*, who cannot abide the day of the Lord's coming, nor ſtand when he appeareth, for his appearance is, and will be very dreadful to all

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the Workers of Iniquity, to whom the Lord will say, *Depart from me, I know you not:* Such shall by no means escape the Wrath of the Lamb, who is a righteous, just and equal Judge, and will Judge with Equity, and do all Men Right in Judgment, and is no respecter of Persons; but in every Nation such as fear God, and work Righteousness are accepted of him; but they that fear not God, nor work Righteousness will be rejected, condemned and punished by him, of what Nation, Kindred, People or Tongue, soever, *Papish* or *Protestant*, or what Name and Profession soever they may go under or be known by; for that will stand them in no stead, when the Lord pleadeth with them, and cometh to punish the Inhabitants of the Earth for their Iniquity, that will prove the Ruin of them, who are then found therein; the Rich Mens Silver and Gold will not be able to deliver them from the Wrath of the Lamb, now appearing as an Angry Judge. Go too now therefore, ye Rich Men, that trust in uncertain Riches, and in an Arm of Flesh, but not in the living God, Weep and Howle, for the Misery that is coming upon you, who are lovers of Pleasures more than lovers of God: And you that have oppressed others, to advance your selves by defraud and dishoneſt Gain, and wronged the Poor to set your Nests on high, the Righeous Lord God will Visit for these things, and Recompence the evil of your wayes and doings upon your Heads, if you do not cease therefrom, and truly repent thereof, while you have time. Oh the manifold Provocations by which the Lord hath been, and still is provoked to Wrath and Indignation, by a sinful People and seed of Evil-doers, laden with Iniquity; and some are wise to do evil, become Serpents, and as a Generation of Vipers, in imagining and doing evil; but to do good, they have no knowledge; and it is sad and grievous to see the Brutishness, Sensuallity and Devillishness many appeared in, filled with Envy and Enmity against that which is good, and them who keep therein, from day to day; and still such profess Christ Jesus in words, *and call him Lord and Master*, but do not honour him, nor fear him, neither keep his Commands, but with their wicked works Spit upon him, Crucifie him afresh again; and how hath he been put to shame all *Christendom* over, by them that seem to be *Christians* in words, but are not so in deeds? Did not Christ Jesus testifie against the *Scribes*, *Pharisees* and hard hearted *Jews*, that set themselves against him, with

the Chief Prieſts to take away his Life, becauſe their deeds were evil; and he tould them, *They were of their Father the Devil, and did his works:* Although they owned and profeſſed God the Father, that would not hide them or cover them from the Wrath of God, when it was kindled and broke forth againſt them, to puniſh and ſcatter them, for rejecting and hating of him without a cauſe; yet no leſs puniſhment would ſatisfie them but Crucifiing of him, puting of him to Death, who laid down his Life to give them Life Eternal, and to redeem their Souls out of Death and Damnation, if they would have received him then at his coming; but becauſe of the hatred they had to him, and the cruel uſage that ſpotleſs Lamb had from that Generation, God was Wrath with them, continuing his diſpleaſure upon their Proſterity unto this day; And may not you expect as ſore a puniſhment, who own him in words, profeſs him, and call him Lord and Maſter; yet notwithſtanding, by your wicked works you ſlay him, ye condemn and kill the Juſt, and he doth not reſiſt you, you diſhonour him and put him to ſhame, plainly ſhewing that you are of the Generation of them who killed the Prophets, Chriſt Jeſus, and his Apoſtles, and accounted them not fit to live upon the Earth, of whom the World indeed was not worthy. My Heart truly is ſorrowful, and I am in pain to conſider of what I ſee coming upon this evil and untoward Generation now: O that they had an Ear open, and a Heart to underſtand the Voice of the Lord, and his Counſel to them, before it be to late, and the Door of Mercy and Favour from God be ſhut againſt them, that they might repent, that the Lord God may turn away his Wrath, that they periſh not; For the Sword of the Lord is drawn forth, forbiſhed, and made bright to make a ſore Slaughter in many Nations and Countries, by his Powerful Hand, although People will not ſee it when 'tis lifted up; they ſhall ſee it, and be aſhamed, aſtoniſhed and confounded, and by the immediate Hand of the Lord many People will fall, and be cut down as the Graſs, whilſt the carnal Sword alſo doth its part, what the Lord permits and ſuffers to be acted by it, in any flouriſhing City or ſtrong Nation; and he can raiſe up whomſoever he pleaſeth, as Inſtruments in his Hand, to make his Power known, that his Name may be declared throughout all the Earth; therefore he pulleth down one Prince and Potentate, and raiſeth up another in his ſtead, in the Kingdoms of this World,

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that they may know that the Most high rules in the Kingdoms of men, and giveth them to whomsoever he will; and who shall say unto him, *What dost thou?* when he poureth out Contempt upon Princes, and causeth them to wander where there is no way; for he hath their Hearts and all Men in his Hand, he can hold, limmit and turn them as it pleaseth him; therefore all ought to look unto him, and be instructed by him in order to Eternal Life, Happiness and Salvation, and to be delivered by him from outward Judgments and Wrath to come from the Almighty God; and all ought to dread and fear his holy Name, to believe really, and trust therein; for his Name he will exalt, and cause every Knee to Bow and Tongue to Confess to it.

O all People upon the Face of the Earth, stand in awe and sin not, commune with your own Hearts and be still; be still, and know that the Eternal God, who is God from everlasting to everlasting, will exercise great severity, and plead with the Wicked in his Wrath and Indignation, when his Goodness, Mercy and Forbearance is sleighted and abused, by renewing Transgression upon Transgression, and adding Sin to Sin, that hath brought upon many People and Nations God's fierce Wrath, to the depopulating many fair flourishing Cities & Countries, (where Pride, Debauchery and Hellish Cruelty aboundeth) to bring down their Pride and vain Glory, and to shake the Foundations of the Earth, and the Heavens also, to make way for that which cannot be shaken, which shall remain, notwithstanding any attempts which are, or may be made to overthrow and rout it out of any Kingdom or Nation by any Prince or People whatsoever, which will be but an Addition, to the manifold Sins and Trespasses, that God will bring his Judgments upon Nations, and sorely punish People for, if they do not repent whilst 'tis called to day; Terror upon Terror, Loss upon Loss, Perplexity upon Perplexity, & Trouble upon Trouble will come upon People in all Nations, when God shall plead with them in the way of his Judgments, by the *Sword*, by the *Famine* and *Pestilence*; but the Wicked then want that supporting Hand of the Lord, whereby he supports, bears up, and strengthens his People that fear him, that, however it be, such are at rest and peace with God. Now the Wicked, who work wickedness, and are cruel Enemies against God and his People, he will ease him of his Enemies, and avenge him of his Adversaries, tho' never so strongly con-

ſident in an Arm of Fleſh, or Carnal Weapons prepared for Battel; for that ſtrength is little to the Lord's great Power and ſtrength; and ſurely, it will be but a vain thing in any King or Prince on Earth to withſtand the Lord's Almighty Power? What are the Armies on Earth to they Armies in Heaven? What is any Camp on Earth to the Camp of the Lord of Hoſts, who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords: And hath not the Lord Legions of Angels at his command to do his Pleaſure? What Earthly force or ſtrength can incounter them, or cauſe them to deſert the doing of the Will of God, which he gives them in charge to perform faithfully? And when any Angel hath a Vial of God's Wrath to be poured forth, who can ſtay or hinder it from taking its Effect?

Then *Wo* to the *wicked* and *ungodly Men* and *Women*, and *Wo* to all *Falſe-Hearted*, *Treacherous-Dealers*, *Diſſemblers*, *Temporizers*, *Truce-Breakers*, *Falſe-Accuſers*, and *Deſpiſers* of them who are good, who refuſe the Appearence of the Lord, and ſhall ſo continue, in obſtinate Rebellion againſt God, and hating to be reformed from that which at laſt brings ruin and great deſolation in the World: And now many Houſes will be left diſolate without Inhabitant in all Nations, where there is or may be a Seat of War; and the *Sword Famine* and *Peſtilence* will be ſeen in many Countries, more or leſs, and ſweep away many People out of this preſent World, Huſbands from Wives, and Wives from Husbands, Parents from Children, and Children from Parents; many Women will be made Widows, and Children Fatherleſs, becauſe of the crying Sins and horrible Abominations in moſt Nations of the Earth committed againſt him that gave them their being, will deſolation come; how many make a God of their Bellies, glory in their ſhame, and mind Earthly things; and what end can ſuch, who remain ſo, but expect deſtruction? All you that have peirced & do peirce the Lord by your wicked works, prepare, prepare to meet him; look upon him whom you have peirced and mourn over him; let your Feaſting be turned into Faſting and Mourning and your Laughter into Heavineſs, and bitter Lamentation; give not reſt to your Eyes, nor ſlumber to your Eye lids till you find out a ſure and ſafe Habitation and reſting place in Chriſt Jeſus; forſake all your pleaſures in Sin, and ſeriouſly conſider that they are but for a ſeaſon, your Digniy, Glory, Honour and Pleaſures of this World are not laſting, nor its Riches durable,

durable, and they fly away, they will shortly leave you, and you the world; you must dye and go hence, and after Death come to Judgment: Therefore People of all ranks and degres in this World, take heed of rushing into Evil, as you have done in times past, but without delay, learn to do well, learn Righteousness, whilst God's Judgments are in the Earth, that if possible you may yet escape those heavy Judgments and Plagues, which will come upon the Wicked and Ungodly, who then are found ungodly, they will reap the Fruit of their own doings.

But if the Spirit of Grace still strive with thee Man and Woman, their is left some hope of Salvation; and so be awakned to stand up from the dead, and thy mind turned to God, from Darkness, and the Devil's Temptations and Snares, where they are prepared; and the Enemy layeth his Snares secretly in the dark Night, he catcheth and holdeth fast multitudes of all Nations captive: Mind the *Light of Christ*, the *Light of Life*, by which you may all come to see your way out of this Captivity, and obtain the freedom and liberty out of this bondage and slavery to Sin and Satan, and by Christ Jesus know absolute and real Redemption through his Blood, shed as a Sacrifice for your Sins, and that it effectually redeems you from the power of Hell and Death, that you may not dye in your Sins, but live to God, hating of Sin and Evil all your dayes: The appearance of God in the Spirit wait for the knowledge of, that will truly convince you all of your Sins, of your Righteousness, and of Judgment; of Sin, because you do not really believe in the Son of God, although you profess him, long have talked of him, also heard of him by the hearing of the Ear, yet despising and wondering at his appearance, as not worthy to be minded or regarded by you; therefore how many are found rejecting that appearance of God in the Spirit, that secretly smites, checks and convinceth them of their Sins, which Spirit also convinceth the World of Righteousness, being wrong. A Righteousness of your own you have gone about to establish, and would establish, which God will convince you of, and lead you out of by his own Spirit, and that will acquaint you with God's Righteousness, that which is really of him, and is everlasting, that you may possess that, and be established in that, and not have on your own Righteousness in your vain Imaginations; therefore will the Righteous God, by his appearance in Spirit convince the

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world of Judgment alſo; and the Prince of this World is judged, and the World's corrupt and erroneous judgment, through the appearance of the Spirit of Truth being received, it diſcovereth th World's judgment to be contrary to the judgment of Truth, and how the wrong judgment got up in the world, that ſo People may ſee the deceit and darkneſs of this World's judgment, and that they who are in it, have no judgment in their goings, ſuch have no right, divine or heavenly judgment, but are in the Prince of this World's dark judgment, that turneth againſt the Righteous Prince, and his Righteous Judgments, which are all true, juſt and faithful: And the Prince of Darkneſs, with his fallen Wiſdom and Judgment, by the coming of the Lord, in judgment ſhall be judged and condemned by that which convinceth the World of Judgment; for what but the Spirit of Truth can judge the Spirit of Error? and what but the righteous judgment of the Spirit of Truth, that bringeth Man and Woman to ſee their *deceit*, *falſhood* and *hypocriſie*, to judge it down, and to ſave out of it? And indeed what but want of the ſence and feeling of this, that cauſeth many to ſtumble at that that is good, even the pure Light of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt? and ſome do fall, and riſe not again, but fall into *miſchief* and *violent dealing*, and it purſueth them, and cometh upon them in the *hour of God's Judgments, the Inhabitants of the Earth will learn Righteouſneſs*: And what but the want of the judgment of Truth and Righteouſneſs is the cauſe that *Error* ſo long in the world hath been taken and paſſed for *Truth*; and *Truth* hath been taken for *Error*, and condemned for it, People calling *good evil*, and *evil good*, putting *Light* for *Darkneſs*, and *Darkneſs* for *Light*: And therefore by the judgment of this world, it being dark, blind and erroneous, from Age to Age hath the Wicked been juſtified; and how have men endeavoured in moſt of the Governments of this World, *to take away the Righteouſneſs of the Righteous from them*, having judged rather according to outward appearance, then given Righteous Judgment in matters and Cauſes of Differences in Religion and the worſhip of God; but ſuch as are in the judgment of Truth and Righteouſneſs, neither can nor will do ſo, but ſpeak of things, and judge with Righteous Judgment.

Now the Spirit of Truth being received, and continued in, it quickens the Soul, and giveth Spiritual Life to them that were dead in Sins and Treſpaſſes againſt God; therefore it ought

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not to be vexed, grieved, or rebelled againſt, as it hath been to the great provocation of the Mogh high God, and kindling the fierce Wrath of a merciful and long-ſuffering God, who is ſlow to wrath, and of great kindneſs; how hath he been forgotten, and no more minded by many, than if he were no All-ſeeing God, but rather People have thought him like themſelves, who are wicked, as if God would not take any notice of their Ways and Doings, neither ſet their Sins and abominable Practices in order before them, and puniſh them for the ſame with a ſore deſtruction, who do not receive nor obey the Goſpel-offers of *Salvation*, of *Peace* and *Good-will towards mankind* in general. Oh! how hath my Soul been often afflicted within me, becauſe of the *Wickedneſs of the Wicked*, *diſobedient* and *ungodly Men* and *Women*, to ſee them even ſowing to the Fleſh, that hath ſo much appeared both in *Papiſts* and *Proteſtants*, ſo called, they having not minded the former Mercies nor Judgments that came from God, in love to them, & care for their Souls well-fare, and that they might *learn Righteouſneſs*, when his Judgments were in the Earth, that People might not utterly periſh in their gain-ſaying, and that his future Judgments threatning might be turned away. But Oh! how have you ſinned and provoked God more and more, with greater and greater Evils? What will it avail any of you to come before the Lord, or to draw nigh to him with their Tongues and Lips, whilſt your Hearts are afar off from him, and gone a Whoring from him, after your Idols, ſet up in your Hearts; or whether any Idol of Silver, Gold, any Creature, or outward thing, which can ſave no man or woman's Soul, nor is able to hide or deliver you in the day of God's Wrath and Indignation againſt a wicked and untoward Generation, ought not to be put away, becauſe of the blackneſs of ſuch. Now *Deſolation*, *Perplexity*, *Wo*, and *great diſtreſs of Nations haſteneth*, and is even ready to come upon many People and Nations, but eſpecially Nations and Peoples that God hath loved and done moſt for, and moſt appeared in, by the Light of his glorious Goſpel of Grace and Truth, that the ſame have rejected, ſinned againſt, and walked contrary to, ſuch will the Lord ſhew moſt diſpleaſure againſt, and puniſh moſt ſeverely, when his Hand is lifted up to ſmite, hew down, and thin the People, and to bring down the abominable Pride and Haughtineſs of mankind in all Nations; for he will make all Nations tremble and

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bow before him, *Aſtoniſhment*, *Fear* and *Trouble* on every ſide will appear, when the Righteous Judge will plead with all Fleſh in the way of his Judgments, being wroth, and cometh to puniſh the Inhabitants of the Earth for their Iniquity: Who ſhall ſtand before him, or who ſhall ſtop him, or prevent the Execution of his Wrath upon the Ungodly?

Therefore, O all ye *wicked* & *ungodly* of the Earth, be ye warned, be ye warned; Repent, Repent, and come to a Godly Sorrow for all your evil wayes and doings, and turn to the Lord with your Hearts rent; for what will the renting of your Garments profit you, whilſt your Hearts are not rent nor broken before the Lord, but you remain as whole in your Sins as ever you were, and your Hearts hardened thereby more than ever. Now there is no other way for People of all Nations to appeaſe the Wrath of God, and turn away his Judgments, threatning them for Sin, but for all wicked People, to take warning in time, by former Warnings, Judgments and Calamities; and what Nation is there in the Earth, where God's Voice is not heard in Judgment, when his Goodneſs, Mercy and Favours are abuſed and ſleighted? for before God puniſheth not in his fierce Wrath. And all you that would eſcape Miſeries and Calamities, feel and bear the Indignation of the Lord inwardly for Sin and Tranſgreſſion, *Put away the evil of your wayes and doings from before his Eyes*, who hath an all-ſeeing Eye, and ſeeth all the Wayes and Doings of all Men and Women, both High and Low, Rich and Poor, in every Nation throughout the World. And now the Hand of the Lord is lifted up in Judgment, and the Lord is ſmiting the Inhabitantes of the Earth and the Sea therewith, and thining the People by the Sword, and ſore Deſeaſes. And what a terrible *Storm* and *Tempeſt* hath the Lord diſtreſſed and amuzed many with of late, both by Sea and Land? yet ſome People have been ſo far from looking at the Hand of the Lord in it, that they would have it as the work of ſome evil Spirit, in laying a Spirit, that, as they ſaid, did appear after a Perſon was dead: The Power over the Winds and Seas belongeth to Chriſt Jeſus, and the Winds and Seas obey him; for he had all Power in Heaven and Earth committed to him, and gives Power to his faithful Servants over Serpents, Scorpions, and all the Power of the Enemy; & to hear & ſee ſo many diſregard the Hand of the Lord lifted up, ſheweth that it will fall heavy ſhortly upon their *heads*, who remain

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wicked, and by their *crying Sins*, bring down Vengeance from God upon their own Heads, and procure their own ruin, for God will recompence Fury upon his Enemies, who harden their Hearts more and more against him; and now is the Lord come to make Nations and Peoples sick in smiting of them, he hath a long time forborn and kept his Hand of Judgment from falling upon the Heads of the wicked, according to their deceit & their manifold Sins, to see People) if you would turn to the Lord by true Repentance; but ye would not hear his Voice to obey him, how often soever the Lord called to, and by how many Judgments soever he hath pleaded with you, you would not reform, therefore the Lord doth appear in great displeasure, and is shaking the Earth, and causing the Mountains and Hills to tremble; he is making Kingdoms reel, and tossing and sifting them, to lay them low, stain their Glory, and bring them down from that height that they are got to, and have appeared in against the Lord and his holy Mountain, which abides and stands strong through him that is over all, blessed for evermore.

O all ye wicked and ungodly People, upon the face of the Earth, your time is but short, your dayes in Wickedness will be shortened; 'tis but a little time, and you will not be found, who go on and persevere in wickedness, and never come to Repentance, your judgment and reward of Condemnation will come upon you swiftly, and you will not be able to withstand it, whoever you are, high or low, rich or poor, where-ever you dwell, that have sold your selves over, and are given up to work Wickedness, the all-seeing God will find you out, and will be just in condemning of you to everlasting Flames of Fire, and that will be your Portion and Reward that you will receive at the Hand of the Lord, who hath appeared to you in his Grace and Truth, in your inward parts, and condescended to draw you by the Cords of his Love; but you have despised and utterly rejected his appearance to you in his Grace, whereby you might have obtained Life and Salvation to your immortal Souls, if you had received God's Grace and Truth into your Hearts, and kept to its Teachings, and obeyed the same, or done according to its Instruction; but contrary-wise, you have hated his Appearance to reform you, and wofully continued in Rebellion against his pure Law: so you have drawn down the *Wrath of the Lord upon you* and *kindled his Displeasure* against you in a high degree, by your manifold *provoking Sins*, which many Cities and Nations abound in, and very many of the Inhabitants

thereof are miserably corrupted and debauched thereby, calling and alluring one another to Lightness, Folly, and gross Impieties, with *hellish Words Damning, Swearing, Drunkenness, Lying, vain ungodly Pastimes, Murders, Adulteries, Thefts, Cousning, Cheating, Cards, playing* at *Dice*, and *Stage-Plays*, which many strive to outdo one another in, to the great dishonour of God, and the reproach of the Name of Christ, especially in *Christendom*, so called, where such a Profession of the Name of Christ is made, but by their Conversation causeth the Profession of the *Christian Religion* to stink, and to become of very ill fame amongst the *Heathen*, that do not own nor profess Christ Jesus the Lord, nor expect Salvation by him; how were such like to be converted to the *Christian Faith* in the Lord's Christ, as long as so many pretended *Christians* do walk ungodly, speak and act as wickedly, if not worse than the *Heathen*, who know or understand little, but gross Superstition and Idolatry? May not some such rise up in Judgment against many, who call themselves *Christians*, and condemn them who are found using such Words and Practices, which are contrary to God and Godliness, and ought to be repented of, ceased from, and forsaken, otherwise it will stand People in no stead, and be a vain thing to talk of, profess, and call Christ Jesus their Saviour, Lord and Master, whilst by Sin and Disobedience they serve and obey another Lord and Master: and Christ Jesus is greatly dishonoured and provoked by the *Riotous, Debauched* and *drunken Feasts*, wherein so many called *Christians* sport and feed themselves without the fear of God, on their *Mass-Dayes* and *Feastival-Dayes*, which you had no example for from the Primitive and true *Christians* in the Apostles days: Oh foolish People, and hard-hearted! Is it a time for *Feasting*, and to invite one another to *Feasting*, *Mirth*, and *Jolatry*, in such a day of Distress and Calamity, as now threatneth almost all Nations? Is it a time to sit down to eat and drink, and then rise up to play, when *Nation riseth up in War against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom, and every battel of the Warrior is with confused noise, and Garments rolled in Blood*; and when God is rebuking strong Nations, and when the just and righteous God is bringing his Judgments and Plagues upon many Peoples, ought not every one, from the highest to the lowest, rather to sit down solatary, be humbled, and call each other to *Weeping*, and *bitter Lamentation*, because of the abominable crying Sins of Nations, and to leave off your *Horse-Racing*, *Cock-Fightings*, *Stage-Players*, and

and all other idle, vain and ungodly *Sports*, *Games* and *Paſtimes*, whereby the Spirit of the Lord hath been grieved, Nations corrupted, and many of their Inhabitants made Veſſels of Wrath, fited for Deſtruction; therefore ſuch as yet have a Day and Time given you, conſider your Ways, and curſed Practices; O renounce and come out of them all, and meet the Lord by timely Repentance and Amendment of Life, or your Iniquity will certainly prove your Ruin.

But if all *People*, *Languages*, *Kindreds* and *Tongues*, would come to fear and love God, and love one another, then their would be no need of letting in Fear or evil Jealouſie one of another, or of one to hurt or deſtroy another by Wars or Fightings, or otherwiſe; for all were made and created to love, fear, and reverence the Powerful Omnipotent God, and to let him be their fear, and not man, neither to fear what man can do; and if ſo, then Wars and Fightings would ceaſe with Carnal Weapons, then Kings and Princes, and their Subjects would learn to be quiet, peaceable, and love one another, indeed and in truth, which would make Nations happy and flouriſhing Kingdoms, and they would learn War no more, but beat their Swords into Plow-ſhares, and their Spears into pruning Hooks, and Peoples Fleſhly Luſts would dye, which doth ſo often, and ſo much prompt Peoples and Nations, to Wars and Fightings, but Chriſt's Doctrine and Example all People ought to mind and follow, who command his Followers, *to love their Enemies, as well as to love another; and to do good to them that did hate them, and to pray for ſuch as diſpitfully uſed and perſecuted them*, and in ſo doings we manifeſt our ſelves to be the Children of our heavenly Father, who cauſeth the Sun to ſhine and the Rain to fall both upon the *Juſt* and *Unjuſt*; and all People ought *to ceaſe from Anger*, and *forſake Wrath*, not to fret themſelves in any wiſe to do evil, for Evil-doers ſhall be cut off, and who are of *Cain's* bloody race, that ſlew his Brother *Abel*, becauſe *Abel's* Offering was accepted, but *Cain* and his Offering was rejected, and Sin lay at his Door, and he was a Wicked One, and they all are Wicked Ones, who are in his wicked envious Nature, which leads them to Hurt, Kill and Deſtroy one another about Faith and Religion, now in the Goſpel Day and Diſpenſations, and *Cain's* envious Nature muſt be ſlain, and dye in Man and Woman, which hath cauſed ſo many Wars, and ſo much Fighting in the World, before Peoples and Nations come to a laſting Peace with God,

or one another; for if People would truly Love God, and one another, as they ought, and hearken to the Lords Voice, then all would come to know great Peace with God, and Concord and Agreement in that which is good, which indeed is amiable, and becometh *Christian societies*; for its want of love to God, and Peoples not loving one another without Dissimulation, out of a Pure Heart, that there is so much envy and hatred amongst Men one towards another; and so the envious one kindleth Passions, stireth up Animosities and Heats into a great Flame, in Men and Women one against another, to do Violence, unto and destroy one another in *self-love*, *self-honour*, and about the *Sinful Pleasures*, and *Profits of this World*, with *Fleshly Lusts* that *Wars* against the Soul, which all ought to abstain from, high and low, rich and poor; and its no marvil if People in that state, ask, but cannot obtain what they ask of God; for they Kill, and desire to have, that they may spend it upon their Lusts, which wars against their Souls: and these Battlements ought to be taken away, for they are not the Lord's, but of the Divil's raising, and building up in Man and Woman, for the hurt of the Creature, to do violence to, and Kill one another; but the War and Battlements of the Lord are against the works of the Devil that he hath wrought in the Creature, and to save Mens lives, not to destroy them: So the Lord's War and Weapons that are Spiritual, and mighty through God, strikes at the power and spirit of the Enemy, which captivates the Creature in that which is evil; the power of the Enemy leadeth People captive into Sin and Evil, but the Lord's Spirit and Power leadeth the Creature out of Sin and Evil, and to free the Creature totally from it; the spirit and power of the Enemy leads People to contend, wrestle & fight with Flesh and Blood, & Kill one another; but the Spirit and Power of the Lord God Almighty leadeth the Saints to War and wrestle with Spiritual Wickedness in high Places, and with the Rulers of Darkness; not to harm or Kill Men, but to love one another, and forgive them that Trespass against us, as we would be forgiven of God, our Trespass against him: but how can such expect the Lord should forgive them their Trespasses and Offences against him, that are for revenging Trespasses which they have commited one against another, also continuing in and revenging their Trespasses against the Lord; and yet think that he will Pardon and forgive them their Trapasses before they truly Repent, or leave off so doing, and so great Multitud-

are kept in miserable Blindness, imagining the Pardon of Sin by Christ Jesus, (his Death and Merrits) whilst in as much love to Sin, and in the practise thereof, as ever they were, such do but deceive themselves, being erred and *gone astray from the way of Life and Salvation*, remain ignorant of that precious Redemption, that Christ Jesus purchased with his own Blood, from the bondage of Sin and Corruption, for that was the great and Glorious end of his offering up himself a Sacrafice for Sin; not that Men and Women should alwayes abide, or keep in the practice of it, but to be delivered from the practice of Sin, and the Guilt and Condemnation removed and taken away, that sinning against God, bringeth upon the Transgressors of his holy commands that saith, Thou shalt Worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve: And such as Worship and serve another God than the Eternal God, who made Heaven and Earth, and the Fountains of great Deeps; they Worship their own Imaginations, in their dark Conceits and foolish Imaginations, and with such Services and Worships the Lord is grieved, and in vain do People draw near or come before him with such Worships and Service that yet many *Societies* and *false Gatherings*, in vain content themselves with, being erred and strayed from that Spirit and Power of God, wherein all might come aright to serve and worship the only wise and true God, no more to serve the Devil or Sin, but to come *to Serve God in Newness of Life*, and living *Soberly*, *Righteously*, and *Purely* unto him, his Honour and Praises the residue of time yet to spend and abide in this present World, which cannot be known but through a daily crossing thy own Will and vile Affections; O vain Man and Woman, come to deny thy self, thy sensual desires, and thy ungodly deeds, take up a cross unto all that which is evil, in which thou hast taken great pleasure and delight, thou most renounce it, part with, and deny thy self of it, to be a Desciple of Christ Jesus, to be taught of him, and follow him, who will never lead thee into any Errour, but out of all Sin and Errour, and out of every by-path, or crooked way that thou hast troden or walked in; the Nations of the Earth are angry be cause God's glorious day is come, which discovereth and layeth upon their hidden Works of Darkness and Dishonesty, will come out, and by the Light of Christ be manifest, even that which long hath been hid and covered with thick Darkness, and the Light God will cause to shine out of obscurity, and his Day will break, and the Shadows of

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the Night will vaniſh away, as the heavenly Rayes of God's glory appears; for his Day will dawn, and break in Peoples Hearts in all Nations of the Earth, when he ſhall terribly ſhake the Earth, and all Nations, and the keepers of the Houſe will tremble, and all proud Fleſh ſhall be made to tremble before the Lord at his appearance; he will make known his Voice, he will make the Earth to hear, and the Heavens ſhall be aſtoniſhed at his Power, Glory and Majeſty, and every falſe Foundation ſhall be ſhaken, and every high Tower and fenced City, built upon a falſe Foundation, will fall and tumble down, tho' never ſo ſtrong and lifted up in their forms of Worſhip, and formal Profeſſion, without Life and Power, that will not be able to ſtand in the Day of the Lord's fierce Wrath, which is againſt that City of Confuſion, which the Lord God will break down, and race it to the Ground; then will her Merchants, and ſuch as have traded with her, lament, and cry, *Alas! alas! none will buy her Merchandize of us any more:* Thus will the Lord bring down and deſtroy *Babylon*, that great Whore that hath with her Cup of Fornication made drunk the Kings of the Earth, who have committed Fornication with her, and her Merchants that traded with her, with great endeavours, and all their *Babyloniſh* Skill and Trumpery, have brought Darkneſs and Ignorance over the Earth, and ſo would ſtill keep People, but the Day of the Lord is come and coming, and *the Knowledge of the Lord ſhall cover the Earth*; and many ſhall hate the Whore, and burn her Fleſh with Fire, for by Fire and Sword will the Lord plead with all Fleſh, where-ever the Fleſh of the great Whore is, the Sword and Fire of the Lord of Hoſts will find it out, and purſue it, till it be devoured, to the end that that which is for the Sword and Fire of the Lord, may be cut down, burnt up and conſumed, then Envy, Malice, Cruelty, Hatred, and Unrighteouſneſs ſo much abounding in Man and Woman, will have an end, and People will not be over-come of evil, but over-come the evil with good, and provoke one another to Love and good Works, and not to Hatred, Cruelty, & all manner of Unrighteouſneſs, which is Sin, and puniſhable by the great Judge of Heaven and Earth, that cometh quickly and his reward is with him; although many ſhut their Eyes againſt his Appearance, & are ſo blinded by the God of this World, that you do not ſee or behold him, tho' his Light ſhines in all your *Hearts*, by which *you may all ſee & behold him, who is not far from any one of you*, yet you do not ſee him, nor know him, and *that is the Condemnation*

demnation of the whol world, that lieth in *wickedneſs*, *that Light is come into the world*, but darkneſs is loved rather than Light becauſe their deeds are evil. Now it is as if I heard the noiſe of Trumpets ſounding, and Drums beating an Alarm to battle in many *Kingdom* and *Nations*, and the Sword drawn, to execute the Wrath of God, for Sin and Tranſgreſſion, by the ungodly committed, to the great diſpleaſure of the Almighty God, who now will ſhew himſelf a terrible God, to the *Workers of Iniquity*, by *Wars*, *Famine* and *Peſtilence*, with other *Judgements* and *Calamities*, that God will bring upon many Cities and ſtrong Nations, to bring down their Pride and Haughtineſs and to abaſe them, for their ſleighting and Contemning his Appearance, in the Light of his Glorious Goſpel, which ſhines in their Hearts, to give them the Knowledge of the Glory of God, to humble you under his mighty Hand, that all might turn to him, who ſmites and corrects Men and Women, that they might ſee his Hand, and acknowledge his Power, and Soveraignity over all, and what we can do, with ſtrong and fenced Cities; and indeed with all Nations, that are but as the drop of a Bucket, and the ſmall duſt of the Ballance, to the Lord and his ſtrength and great Power, when in his ſore diſpleaſure, he gives them up to the *Sword*, *Famine*, or *Peſtilence*: how ſoon can he make of a fair and flouriſhing City on heaps, and a ſtrong City a deſolation, when they Inhabitants thereof will not be reformed, from the evil of their Ways and doings, nor Repent of the ſame? how often hath the Lord brought Plagues and heavy Judgments upon ſuch Cities and Nations? how glad ſhould I be to ſee the Inhabitants of England in general, and the City of *London* in perticular, bringing forth Fruits meet for Repentance, that they would whilſt they have time be Afflicted, Mourn and Weep, for the great Evils that daily are committed by many of them, that your *Laughter might be turned into Mourning*, and *your Joy into Heavineſs*, that thoſe great Calamities, which threatens, both City and Nation, the merciful God might turn away from my Native Country, and every Inhabitant may be humbled for their Tranſgreſſions, that the Lord may repent of the Evil that doth ſo much threaten this and many other Kingdems: O that there were ſuch a Heart in all People of all Nations, that they would ſeek after the living God, and that they might know him, and receive everlaſting Life by Chriſt Jeſus, and leave off doing Evil, and learn to do Well, that inſtead of hating and killing one another about Religion, and worldly Glory and Honour, they might feel the Love of God ſhed abroad in their Hearts, and in that love God above all, and one another, as the Children and Off-ſpring of God; for all Nations upon the face of the Earth, being of one Blood, made by the great and heavenly Creator, all were created by him, to fear, reverence, and ſerve the eternal God.

So, all you who do pretend that you are Servants of God and Chriſt Jeſus, fear reverence, ſerve and obey him, in a meaſure of that Love of God, wherewith he hath loved you and all mankind, and deſireth the Salvation of all men, and not the death or deſtruction of the Wicked, but rather that they would turn from their Wickedneſs, and live for evermore, to ſerve, worſhip, and obey the living God, whoſe Servants you call your ſelves, and think you worſhip him, and ſerve him whilſt you are out of his holy Spirit, and Godly Fear, in your vain ſuperſtitious and idolatrous wars of Worſhip, which are ſo unprofitable, and of no benefit ſpiritually to you, that vainly pretend to worſhip the living God, who is a Spirit, and will be worſhipped and ſerved in the Spirit, and in the Truth, as it is in Jeſus; for their is no other acceptable worſhip or ſerving of God, but in his holy Spirit and Truth, which the Devil is out of, and all his Servants, are erred

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from the Spirit of God, and doth imagine that God acceptably may be worshipped and served well enough by them, is another Spirit than his own holy Spirit; then it must be an unholy Spirit, in which you can offer to God no Worship or Service, but what is vain, unprofitable and unholy, which is rejected of the Lord God, as but vain worshipping of him; and for this many spend their Money and Labour many Years together, but gain no advantage or satisfaction to their immortal Souls, being from the Spirit of God and Word of Life that was in the beginning, and which is eternal, so obtain not Life or true satisfaction to their Souls, and therefore cannot livingly move, or act spiritually in the service or worship of God, but it seemeth to them as a strange thing, and the pure God hath but blind and dead service and worship from such; and indeed it is no marvel that so many wise and learned men in Arts, Sciences, and natural Tongues are unskilled and ignorant in spiritual waiting upon, serving and worshipping the living God, whilst they question, whether any doth receive from God the gift of the holy Spirit now in these dayes; then let such men in coolness of mind consider, with what they adventure to serve and worship God, and approach before him, not receiving the spirit, but will draw nigh to God, serve and worship him out of the spirit; and what may you expect who are in that deplorable state, but that the Lord should say unto you, *Who hath required such Worship or Service from you?* now in this Gospel day, the spirit of God being poured fourth; Do you think (People) that God will be mocked with such service or worship to be offered to him, that doth appear but the fruits of the Flesh, or sowing to the Flesh? O that you would come to see, and seriously consider that the Flesh profiteth nothing, nor any of the fleshly motions, ways, services or worships of fallen man, performed in the Wisdom of the Flesh, although performed in never so much skill and cunning outwardly, can give man acceptance with the Lord, nor can at all give Life to the Soul, for its the spirit that giveth Life, and this Spirit first must be received by you, and work in your Hearts to will and to do, before your Hearts can be fitted or prepared, to serve or worship God acceptably: so all of you wait upon God for his holy spirit, receive it into your Hearts, and no longer reject it, but in the silence of all Flesh feel the spirit of God to quicken your mortal Bodies, that in and by the spirit you to God may present your Bodies to him, and draw nigh to him with your Hearts fitted, and spiritually prepared, to offer to God spiritual sacrifice, holy and acceptable in his sight, who cannot be pleased with Iniquity, nor the Works of it, in their service or worship; for Sin and Iniquity must be done away, before you can graciously be received of the Lord, or know how to render to him the calves of your Lips, or draw nigh to him aright with your Tongues or Lips? why should you hate to be reformed, or cast off from you that which is good, to cleave to the evil, and perish therein? Beware of that, lest the Lord utterly reject you and cast you out of his sight, and deprive you of his *Mercy* and *Favour*, that he (upon your real Repentance and Amendment of Life) would bestow upon you

Which is the fervent Desire of a cordial Well-wisher of all your Souls, who seeketh the Glory of God, the Peace of all Nations, and the general good of all Mankind to Eternity.

Hosledown, *the 7th day of the 3d Month* 1690.

James Parke.

THE END.

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